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SUBJECT: UDF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT

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1. UDF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN FALTERS ON IN PUNJAB  
WITH 70 ADDITIONAL ARRESTS IN LAHORE AND ELSEWHERE SINCE  
AUGUST 30, MAKING GRAND TOTAL OF 124 SINCE START OF MOVEMENT  
ON AUGUST 24. BIGGEST TAKE WAS SWEEP OF 34 IN LAHORE ON  
AUG 30 WHEN HAUL INCLUDED KHAWAJA MOHAMMAD SAFDAR, SENATOR  
AND PRESIDENT OF PUNJAB UDF, AND MIAN MOHAMMAD YASEEN KHAN  
WATTOO, VICE PRESIDENT OF (UNITED) MUSLIM LEAGUE. AT LEAST  
30 DETAINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED ON BAIL (INCLUDING PDP  
PRESIDENT, UDF VICE PRESIDENT, NAWABZADA NASRULLAH KHAN,  
SEE LAHORE 1031).

2. BULK OF RECENT DETAINEES HAVE BEEN RANK-AND-FILE WORKERS  
FROM VARIOUS UDF COMPONENT PARTIES, MOST PARTICULARLY ML'S.  
JI AND JUP HAVE CONTINUED TO STAY CLEAR OF CAMPAIGN. LOCAL  
PRESS, NOTABLE INCLUDING LEADING OPPOSITION PAPERS, CONTINUES  
TO CASTIGATE (PRO-GOVT) OR DEPLORE (OPPOSITION) UDF CAMPAIGN  
ON GROUNDS COUNTRY IS IN THROES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY BECAUSE  
OF FLOOD DISASTER AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN AT THIS  
TIME MAKES NO SENSE OR IS DOWNRIGHT TRAITOROUS. ASGHAR KHAN  
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HAS AGAIN (SEPT 1) VOICED SUPPORT FOR UDF CAMPAIGN BUT

PRUDENTLY HAS NOT COMMITTED TEHRIK TO JOIN IN.

3. LAHORE HIGH COURT HAS BEFORE IT SEVERAL PETITIONS FILED BY OR ON BEHALF OF SOME DETAINEES WHO CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO POLICE BRUTALITY IN JAIL. COURT DECISIONS ARE REQUIRING MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF SUCH DETAINEES. WE HAVE HEARD NO INDICATIONS OF WHAT COURTS MIGHT DO IF SUCH EXAMINATIONS GIVE SUPPORT TO BRUTALITY CHARGES.

4. COMMENT: OUR SOURCES OF EVERY POLITICAL SHADE AGREE IN CHARACTERIZING UDF CAMPAIGN AS POLITICAL BLUNDER IN PUNJAB CONTEXT. CAMPAIGN EFFORTS HAVE DESULTORY APPEARANCE, DRAWING SMALL ATTENTION EVEN IN CROWDED SECTIONS OF LAHORE OLD CITY. APPEARS TO BE LITTLE QUESTION BUT THAT POLICE ARE UNDER ORDERS TO TREAT CAMPAIGN PARTICIPANTS HARSHLY. HOWEVER, EVEN BRUTALITY CHARGES SEEM TO ELICIT LITTLE INTEREST LOCALLY WHILE BULK OF POPULATION IS WORRYING ABOUT FLOOD EFFECTS, SPIRALLING PRICES, FOOD SHORTAGES, ETC. ONE TEHRIK OFFICIAL CLAIMED TO CONGEN OFFICER RECENTLY THAT UDF LEADERSHIP RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED IT HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ENGAGE IN CAMPAIGN DESPITE FLOODS BECAUSE IT WAS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO ASSURE BELEAGUERED OPPOSITION IN BALUCHISTAN OF PUNJAB OPPOSITION SUPPORT. WELL, MAYBE, BUT WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEF UDF SIMPLY MADE BAD DECISION WHICH IT NOW UNABLE TO BACK OUT OF GRACEFULLY.  
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